



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Councilmember Charles Allen
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Bill B22-0136 – the “Comprehensive Code of Conduct of the District of Columbia Establishment and BEGA Amendment Act of 2017”

Dear Councilmember Allen,

On October 30, 2017 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E is concerned that the “Comprehensive Code of Conduct of the District of Columbia Establishment and BEGA Amendment Act of 2017” (DC Council Bill B22-0136) might, if enacted, have the perverse effect of making it more difficult for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to fulfill the role for which they were created. Many sections of the bill contain vague or highly subjective criteria and, in particular, the concept of conflict of interest included in the bill would extend beyond financial concerns to cover “personal interests,” which could make it difficult, if not impossible, for ANC commissioners to participate in organizations that benefit their communities and have goals that are completely aligned with the ANC they serve.

Therefore, ANC 2E encourages the DC Council to pay close attention to the effect that this legislation would have on the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions that have served the District well ever since Home Rule was achieved.

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Joe Gibbons, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Mara Goldman, District 4 Lisa Palmer, District 5 Jim Wilcox, District 6
Monica Roaché, District 7 Zac Schroepfer, District 8

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E